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## Racial remark earns Williams suspension

College officials say incident is resolved

Although more than a week has passed since Chuck Williams received a one-game suspension, controversy still surrounds the situation.

College officials suspended Williams, the men's head basketball coach, from coaching the Jan. 19 game at Rockhurst College in Kansas City. A racial remark Williams made in a team meeting on Jan. 15 led to the suspension.

"We were in a team meeting and Coach [Dale] Kimberling was telling us how we could be a better team," said Cornell Collier, a sophomore forward, "and then Coach Williams came in. He started yelling and screaming and told us that we were acting like a bunch of damn niggers."

"I asked him, 'What do you mean a bunch of niggers?' He replied that anybody could be a nigger—black or white."

Collier said he was wondering who the remark was directed toward on "a team full of blacks."

"He told me that if I didn't like it, I had five seconds to get my ass out or stay and take it."

Collier said several players were offended by the remark and that they spoke with Al Cade, assistant football coach. Cade refused to comment on his involvement.

According to Patsy Robinson, president of the Joplin branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, it was Cade who first contacted her concerning the incident.

"Coach Cade called me," she said. "He said something about a player being upset about a statement Williams made. I told Coach Cade to have the young man call me."

Collier said he contacted Robinson that evening (Jan. 18).

"She said she would investigate the statement," he said. "She also said we couldn't have people saying things like that."

Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, recommended that Williams be suspended from coaching the Jan. 19 game at Rockhurst, according to Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services.

"Frazier called me and indicated that he recommended the suspension, and I agreed accordingly," said Dolence. "Frazier then spoke with Williams and decided against him making the trip [to Rockhurst]."

Frazier then announced the suspension to the team. Kimberling coached the Lions at Rockhurst, a game Southern lost 90-76.

Williams was allowed to coach the Lions during practice the next day, Jan. 20. However, members of the Black Col-

legates, a campus organization, felt the one-game suspension was not adequate.

"In my opinion, Williams was given a lenient reprimand," said Keith Brown, student president of the group. "It was one game too slight."

Williams' only comment to *The Chart*, when contacted two days ago, was that the incident was a "regrettable misunderstanding."

Said Robinson, "The man didn't use good judgment by making the statement. We have heard that word before, but in that context he should not have used it."

Robinson said she believes some disciplinary action was necessary, however.

"I feel that the suspension, in the form of a reprimand, was necessary," she said. "I have talked to some members of the NAACP and we weren't saying 'Fire the man, fire the man.' We are supposed to be a positive organization."

Collier said he was still upset about Williams' statement a few days later when he and the coach became embroiled in another dispute.

"I was dragging a little bit in practice," said Collier, "but was still playing hard. I was coming across the lane and caught an elbow [from teammate Anthony Turner] and said, 'Hey, man. What's up?' I wasn't really saying it in an angry manner. But he [Williams] told me to get off the floor."

"The only thing I can think of is that he knew I called Mrs. Robinson," added Collier.

Collier played in the Lions' two games at home last weekend, but the problems continued. On Monday (Jan. 25) he was involved in a heated argument in the College cafeteria with another student.

Collier then was suspended from the Lions' home game on Tuesday (Jan. 26). Yesterday, he said he was informed by Williams that he was suspended because of the cafeteria incident and that he "didn't fit into next year's plans."

Tuesday, College President Julio Leon told *The Chart* that he thought the problem had been resolved.

"Unfortunately, a situation occurred that created tension among the players and coach," said Leon. "Everyone was upset. The players were upset, and the coach was upset at himself."

"We know Coach Williams is a good person and what happened resulted out of frustration. He said there was no intention to offend anyone, and we believe him. We expect it will not happen again."

Said Robinson, "Like I tried to tell the young man, Williams is human and he probably slipped. If he's man enough to apologize, then they should accept it."



**Back in action** Coach Chuck Williams was back on the sidelines last weekend after receiving a one-day suspension for the Lions' Jan. 19 contest. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## Four-day week to continue

Because of student and faculty input, Missouri Southern will continue to have a four-day work week this summer.

College administrators had seriously considered eliminating the four-day work week because of decreased work productivity. A closed campus on Fridays also hampered summer recruiting efforts.

Southern adopted the shortened week in 1981 to help conserve energy.

"This will be another tight budget year," said Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs. "And if there is an energy saving, we'll find out this summer."

He also believes students and faculty

enjoy the three-day weekend and that it serves as a morale booster.

When it was announced in September that the College was considering the elimination of the four-day work week, many faculty and staff members voiced their concerns.

Tiede says there are still some problems connected with the four-day work schedule.

"It [the four-day work week] complicates the scheduling of security and mechanical maintenance," he said.

"It's also a problem when dealing with other agencies around the state because their schedules are different."

## Assessment program pleases Leon

By Mark Ernstmann  
Editor-in-Chief

With almost half of the four-year phase-in period completed, Missouri Southern is taking steps to complete its implementation of an outcomes assessment program.

During the past two years of the program Southern has seen the implementation of the COMP test for freshmen and seniors and also a survey on student life.

According to College President Julio Leon, the next phase of the plan calls for the development of an assessment program on a major level.

"This is where the individual departments on campus develop a form of assessment for their own self," he said. "This will allow the departments to review what they have done and then make any necessary adjustments as needed."

According to Leon, there is no set procedure for major assessment at Southern. The College is currently looking into the subject and will decide upon a process in the future.

The next step would then be to implement some type of "administrative coordinating mechanism for the whole thing."

The concept of assessment actually begins when a student enters Southern as a freshman. The student is given the COMP Test his first semester, and then is given the same test as a senior. The results are then compared, and a conclusion can be drawn concerning the value of the student's education while at the College.

"The results help evaluate the College's general education program," said Leon. "It enables us to see if it is doing what it is supposed to be doing."

To date, the assessment program is not yet providing its full worth for the College. Since it is a four-year process, the true value will not be known until the freshmen of 1986 are seniors and retake the test. The 1986 freshmen were the first to take the test.

Leon did say results from the current senior and freshmen testing can be compared to national norms and give the College some idea of where its students stand.

Southern was the second institution in the state to develop some sort of assessment program. Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville was the first. Now, according to Leon, it has been "strongly suggested" by Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft that institutions in the state develop a similar program of their own.

When Southern's program was first in the planning stages, it was recommended

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## Faculty may see increase in health insurance costs

Committee seeks way to reduce number of claims

By Lee Hurn  
Staff Writer

In response to an increasing number of health insurance claims, a "wellness committee" is forming at Missouri Southern.

According to Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs, the consortium of colleges and universities to which Southern belongs reports that claims had increased by 40 percent. This trend, if allowed to continue, could lead to a "substantial increase in premiums."

"One of the things we're trying to do is to find some ways to reverse that trend or slow it down," Tiede said.

According to Doug Coen, personnel director, Southern employees currently pay \$70.15 per month for health insurance. Those whose families are insured pay an additional \$134.17 per month.

"I'm not really surprised because I saw it coming," Coen said, "but the increases that we face are alarming. There's no doubt about that."

There could be several factors contributing to the recent increase, according to Coen.

"There have been some individual very high claims," he said. "Statistics show that the typical insured person is utilizing his insurance more often than in years past."

"The cost of health care has risen faster than the costs in the rest of the economy," he added.

Tiede said it was becoming evident that claims were increasing several months before the fall semester. At the end of the semester, he began calling faculty and staff members to serve on a wellness committee. Members include Dr. Betty Ipock, director of nursing; Dr. Max Oldham, head of the physical education department; Kevin Lampe, athletic trainer; Doug Canabhan, director of student life; and Jerry Williams, director of continuing education.

Although Coen thinks a wellness program is a step in the right direction, he doesn't expect it to reverse the trend before September, the start of the next insurance year.

"The wellness program couldn't possibly be in place in time to stop the rise

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**Heads confer**

Dr. Judith Conboy, head of the social sciences department, shares a secret with Dr. Larry Martin, head of the mathematics department, after Tuesday morning's administrative council meeting.



## Senate approves requests

Votes to allocate monies to the Art League and Omicron Delta Kappa highlighted last night's Student Senate meeting.

At last week's meeting, the Senate finance committee recommended giving the Art League \$1,000 of the \$1,122 it requested for 17 of its members to take a trip to the Chicago Art Institute/Museum, the National History Museum, and the Planetarium. The \$1,000 amount was approved by the Senate.

Also last week, the finance committee recommended \$234 for ODK in response to a request for funds to send one of its members as a delegate to the organization's 75th annual national convention. The Senate approved the \$234 amount.

The Senate heard a request for \$810 by the Social Science Club for six club members to travel to the Midwest Model United Nations conference Feb. 24-27.



Nancy Disharoon

## Director adds enthusiasm to position

Disharoon says 'students can really look forward to some good changes'

By Mark Ernstmann  
Editor-in-Chief

A lifelong resident of Mississippi, Nancy Disharoon "looked forward to leaving" her home state. And now, due to an advertisement in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* that caught her eye, she has received that opportunity.

A graduate of Delta (Miss.) State University, Disharoon comes to Missouri Southern as the new director of placement and planning. Upon completion of her degree, she assumed a similar position at Delta State.

"It was a smaller school and a smaller position," she said.

"So far, I'm impressed with Southern. The size is not overwhelming, and there is opportunity for personal contact with the students."

Disharoon assumes the position vacated due to the death of Lorine Miner last summer. There was no director during the fall semester.

"A lot of exciting things are happening in this office," she said. "We are not really behind, but there is a lot of interest in developing new programs."

Disharoon said she would like to develop a resume service for students, broaden contact with employers, and even bring more employers to campus. In addition, she would like to develop and plan various workshops and seminars for students.

"I want to develop these things," she said, "but I need feedback from students. They can tell me the problems, as well as the good things."

Disharoon describes her new position as one with a two-fold function.

"My first goal is to see our students be prepared," she said. "And I also want to place our students in positions where they will be happy."

According to Dr. Earle Doman, director of counseling and head of the search committee that selected Disharoon, she brings energy and enthusiasm to the position.

"We wanted to hire a doer, and Nancy is definitely a doer," he said. "All of her references conferred this. She is a self-starter, and she initiates things."

Doman said that of all the people on campus who interviewed her, she was the number one choice for the position. There was one exception, and that person had

her as the second choice.

"The support speaks well of the individual," said Doman. "She came across well to all types of individuals—faculty, administration, and students."

"I love this kind of work," said Disharoon. "I enjoy speaking, meeting, and planning."

According to Disharoon, her transition from her small hometown of Port Gibson to Joplin and Southern was a smooth one.

"My transition was a super one," she said. "I didn't have any trouble finding a place to live or anything."

"Things have really gone well. It has been a lot easier than I expected, even better."

According to Disharoon, her secretary and student workers have made her transition that much easier. She said they were the "best."

Disharoon will be spending the majority of her time adjusting to the position and getting the feel for the College.

"Right now, I'm just looking over the new programs, looking at what is feasible, and learning the ropes," she said. "Students can really look forward to some good changes."

## 'Chart' plans reunion

A pair of former members of *The Chart* have organized a reunion for past and present members of the newspaper.

The reunion, slated for April 22-23, is in conjunction with the 50th anniversary celebration of Missouri Southern.

Former members Tony Feather, who served on *The Chart* from 1973-75, and Phil Clark, who served as 1974-75 editor of *The Chart*, worked with Richard Massa in organizing the reunion.

"It will be an interesting gathering of people," said Massa, head of the communications department and former *Chart* adviser. "We want the reunion to rekindle the kinship that existed many times throughout the years."

"I have no idea how many people to expect."

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ed by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education and the Governor for appropriations related to implementing an assessment program. That proposed \$175,000 never made it to the College. The Missouri Legislature did not fund the \$175,000, but did approve 100 percent of the CBHE recommendation for that year. The College was told to take its assessment money from that.

Southern did exactly that, and so far, Leon is pleased with the results.

"I am pleased," he said, "mostly because of the positive attitude expressed by everyone on campus toward the concept of assessment."

Leon says Southern can only gain from its program and that it will provide valuable information concerning where improvements need to be made.

"The program is not an end," he said. "It is a means to an end. If we just got the results and made no changes, nothing could improve. The better we know the impact, the better we will do."

The program, though, has not been a complete bed of roses for the College. A few thorns have been encountered.

When the test was first given, it was not mandatory. Freshmen and seniors were

"The development of *The Chart* will be chronicled," Massa said.

A reception will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday night, April 22, at the Joplin Ramada Inn. Cost is \$5 per person.

A picnic is planned at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, on campus. Cost is \$5 per person. Campus tours also will be conducted during the day.

"Our editors and staff members will act as hosts," said Chad Stebbins, current adviser to *The Chart*. "We will show everyone our newspaper facilities, as well as MSTV and KXMS."

A banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, in the Connor Ballroom of the BSC. Cost is \$15 per person.

"We also are planning to publish a special supplement in *The Chart* on the history of our newspaper," said Stebbins.

given the option of taking the test. Turn-out was far below what the College had anticipated.

To remedy that situation, Southern now requires all freshmen enrolled in Freshman Orientation to participate in the testing. It also stresses the importance of the test to its seniors.

Another problem cited by Leon concerned certain students taking the test.

"The average score of the group of freshmen could have been three to four raw points higher if it were not for a group who scored significantly lower than their ACT scores indicated they should," he said.

The overall ranking for the freshmen students in 1986 was in the 53rd percentile. This fall, the ranking was in the 55th percentile. Without the above problem, the ranking could have been higher.

Two conclusions, Leon said, could be drawn from those results. The first is that certain students just did not care about the test. The second is that they did not have enough time to finish.

Regardless of the reason, Leon believes the College "will hopefully solve these problems in the future."

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in premiums," he said. "I certainly anticipate a substantial increase September 1."

Tiede hopes to begin committee meetings this week and possibly have a wellness program implemented by July 1. The committee will have to decide what kind of program will best suit the needs of Southern employees.

"Some programs are fairly neutral in effect," said Tiede. "You develop them and

say 'Here it is. Use it if you want to.'

"Some of the corporate plans encourage weight loss. Others are sort of in between grounds," he added. "It varies from substantial incentive to no incentive. That's one of the things we're going to have to decide."

How much money is spent will depend on the type of program adopted. If it is a voluntary program, it probably will not cost much money.

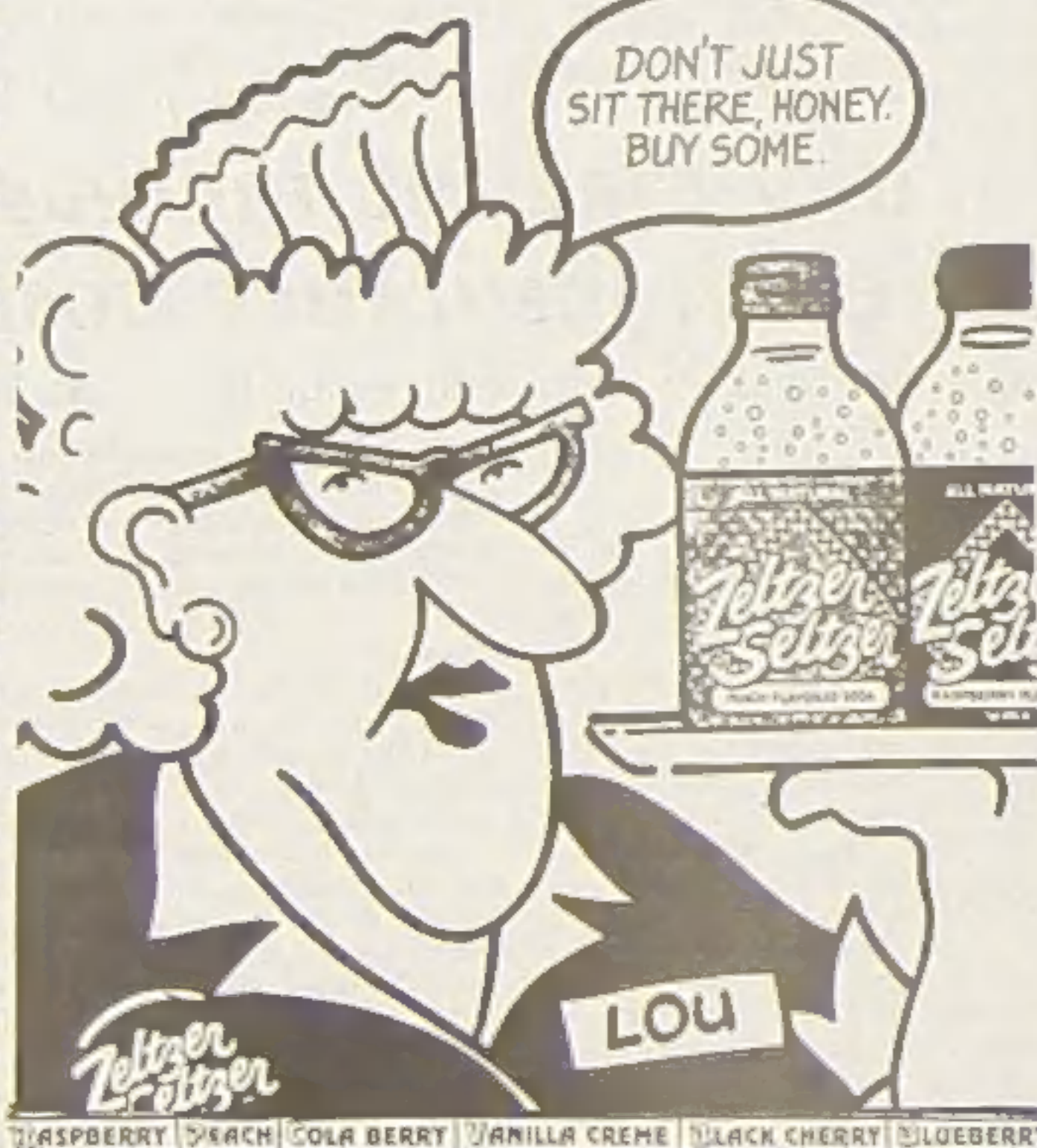
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## Regent is elected to position

Russell G. Smith II, executive vice-president of May's Drug Stores, was recently elected to the board of directors of Affiliated Drug Stores Corporation.

Smith also is a member of the Missouri Southern Board of Regents.

Affiliated Drug Stores is a buying and merchandising group which allows smaller national drug chains, including May's Drug Stores, to buy pharmaceutical supplies at reduced prices.

"It's kind of a way to make the little guys bigger," said Smith. "We [May's Drug] have belonged to the organization since the mid-60s—at least 20 years."

The largest threat to a buying and merchandising group like Affiliated Drug is nonparticipation of its members.

"If you don't use the buying service over a period of time, it begins to lose its effectiveness," said Smith.

"What happens in many cases is that companies get to a size where they don't necessarily have to go to an organization like that in order to be able to make good buys."

Smith says Affiliated Drug has several "tradeshows" every year at which the member companies meet and discuss new products and how their businesses have been doing.

"It's just a good forum for everybody to get together and learn what other people are doing."

"By being able to participate in those activities, eventually everyone gets to know you well enough that they think you're worthwhile to put on the board."



Campaigns

State representative Bob Holden (D-Springfield) was in Joplin Tuesday to announce his candidacy for the position of state treasurer. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## Holden will run for office of treasurer

Saying he would be "the custodian for our values, for our integrity, and for our character," State Rep. Bob Holden (D-Springfield) announced his candidacy for the office of Missouri state treasurer.

Holden, a third-term representative from the 136th District, and his wife, Lori, held a press conference Tuesday at Missouri Southern as the final stop in an eight-city announcement tour.

A native of Kansas City, Holden earned a political science degree from Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield before entering the political field. He cites his experience in state government as one of his strong points.

"I offer for your consideration my own record of personal integrity, professionalism, and leadership," he said. "That record includes services as assistant to the state treasurer, six years as a state representative, and the sponsoring or co-sponsoring of several bills."

Holden worked for the state treasurer's office under James Spahnower from 1975-80, and also under Mel Carnahan. He also has worked on the campaign staffs for Spahnower, former Sen. Thomas Eagleton, and current presidential candidate Dick Gephardt.

"After watching the antics of the current state treasurer for the last three years, my pride has given way to anguish," said Holden. "We must bring back professionalism to this office."

According to Holden, if elected, he will devote full time and effort to the job.

"I will be a state treasurer who is more than good enough," he said. "I will lead a state treasurer's office in which professionalism and excellence are the norms."

One of the changes proposed by Holden would be the creation of an outside financial committee consisting of finance and banking educators from institutions in the state. He hopes the committee will be able to develop a bid process which is "fair, above board, and beyond political influence."

Holden also is recommending a paid intern program between the state treasurer's investment division and institutions of higher learning in the state. The program would be geared to helping more women and minorities advance into the business and financial world.

"This is one more positive step we can take to help open the doors of opportunity to more women and minorities," he said.

According to Holden, he also will provide something he believes the office of state treasurer has been lacking in the past few years—leadership.

"The current treasurer and I grew up only 30 miles apart, but we are as different as night and day," he said. "You give me your vote, and in return I will give you leadership."

Some of Holden's other involvements include being a member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club, Save the Children organization, KOZK Public Television Producer's Club, and an instructor for Missouri Boys State.

## Committee discusses various topics

Faculty parking, a sabbatical policy, and changes in the policy handbook are topics under discussion by the faculty welfare committee this semester.

The parking situation involves students parking in places designated for faculty members. Dr. Dale Simpson, assistant professor of English and secretary of the welfare committee, said he believes the main problem is on the west side of the campus.

"That side of the campus has the greatest number of students, but the least amount of parking," he said.

Illegally-parked cars are usually non-

registered vehicles. Simpson said this creates a problem for campus security.

"It's hard to tell if a car belongs to a student or a dignitary," he said.

Another problem Simpson says exists is residence hall students driving on the campus for meals.

The committee has suggested proposals that would increase security enforcement or possibly create a different system.

"I don't know of any college campus that has enough parking," said Simpson.

Another concern of the committee is a policy on sabbatical leave. The committee is hoping to develop a policy for facul-

ty members to be allowed to leave the campus after six or seven years of service and pursue interests for full pay.

Said Simpson, "It would be a time off to recharge your batteries and work on research or special projects."

Changes in the policy handbook are being looked at by the committee, also. Letters are in the process of being sent out to faculty members that will propose possible changes in the handbook. This will provide the opportunity for calling attention to any problems with the proposal before they are recommended to the Faculty Senate.

## Bookstore installs camera

Monitoring system will hopefully deter shoplifting

By Chris Quarton  
Staff Writer

Although many students may not be aware of it, a television camera and monitor have been in the College bookstore since the fall semester.

According to Charles Moss, bookstore manager, the system was installed due to incidences of shoplifting within the bookstore. He said, to the best of his knowledge, only clothing items were taken.

"We found empty hangers and price tags on the floor in the change booth," he said.

Moss said the shoplifters had apparently put the stolen clothing under their regular attire.

"We took the booth out," he said.

According to Moss, certain members of one group on campus were responsible for the shoplifting. He would not name the group.

"We suspected they were doing it," he said. "We just heard from other students that it was going on."

Moss said that since he works alone in the bookstore on Monday nights, student help was hired to closely watch members of the group.

As for the system itself, the camera only covers the clothing section of the bookstore. The employee at the cash register is able to observe the monitor.

Four cameras would be necessary in order to cover the entire store.

"Our system is capable of handling four cameras," Moss said.

The camera and monitor are known as a Philip Observation System. The system was purchased from the Swest Co. in Dallas on Aug. 14 at a cost of \$522.

According to Doug Carnahan, director of student life, security was increased in the Billingsly Student Center as a result of the shoplifting incidences in the bookstore.

"We needed to bolster security up, and we did," he said.

According to Carnahan, there are currently monitors on each floor of the BSC.

"The number of thefts in this building has really gone down," he said.

Moss said he would consider installing more monitors if shoplifting was to become a serious problem again.

"We have a pretty good bunch of students overall," he said. "Most of them are honest."



Reflects College President Julio Leon pauses for a moment to study the newly-constructed television tower on the campus.

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## OUR EDITORIALS

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## Racial bias has no place here

The wave of public racial comments has unfortunately crept into Missouri Southern. The ethnic slur that Chuck Williams, head basketball coach, aimed toward his players has created a storm of controversy among the College's black community.

Following Williams' destructive remarks, Southern officials suspended him for one game. It is imperative the College takes a stand that such comments will not be tolerated. We feel the punishment was a just one.

Public racial slurs are nothing new. Recently, public figures such as Al Campanis of the Los Angeles Dodgers and football prognosticator Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder have felt the wrath that their racist observations can bring. Both instances resulted in immediate termination from their current occupations. It is not such a far-fetched idea to believe that these two cases touched off the recent situation faced by Southern.

Another factor could be frustration. Despite William's displeasure with the team that day, the Lions were coming off a 30-point loss two days earlier at the hands of Washburn University. But we must remind ourselves that any ethnic attack is uncalled for no matter what the situation, albeit displeasure and frustration.

We believe the College is setting a good example by punishing Williams. Southern is demonstrating that racial bias has no place on a college campus.

## Four-day week still a good idea

We applaud the College's decision to keep the four-day work week during the summer session.

A five-day week could have hurt Missouri Southern much more than it would have helped. Keeping a four-day week saves the College money that would otherwise go toward paying energy costs that arise from keeping the College running an extra day during the week.

There is also the possibility of decreased summer enrollment by changing to a five-day week. Instructors and students look forward to having three-day weekends, which in turn improves the atmosphere of the College. Instructor and student morale could be damaged by taking away a day.

We believe the decision to keep the four-day week was the right one.



## Attitudes are impressive, refreshing

By Rob Smith  
Executive Manager

As a person who occasionally fails tests, does not complete homework assignments on time, and sometimes earns a grade lower than a "B," I've grown accustomed to making quick and often unfair judgements about several instructors. It's almost as if the grade a student earns determines the relationship a student has with an instructor.

Still, this column is more than an effort to explain the thrill of struggling to pass a class or a "how to" column on the joy a "C" can provide. It's a column about some attitudes I've encountered while at Missouri Southern.

Take, for example, an attitude expressed by Jim Frazier, men's athletic director. A typical stereotype of many college coaches, athletes, and even athletic directors seems to be that the sport is more important than the classroom. In fact, this is the attitude at many large universities. This is

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not the case with Frazier. Each and every time I ask him what he thinks about a sports story I'm working on, he always refers to the people involved as "student-athletes" rather than "players," "teams," or simply "athletes." Students first and athletes second. It's an attitude long overdue at many colleges.

While Frazier's attitude is refreshing, it is Dr. Ben Peterson's approach to education that I find most impressive. As a communications major, I must successfully complete 13 hours in a foreign language. I earned a "C" in the first five-hour class. Two semesters ago, I proudly fled the second five hours with a "D." After a 1.5 GPA in the first two courses, I was not thrilled with the prospect of entering yet another Spanish course. In fact, I felt there was little hope in passing the last three hours.

Nevertheless, I decided to attempt this Spanish 201 class. How could I be disappointed with a low grade? I was anticipating an "F."

Four weeks into the course, I was doing as expected. Unlike many students who are doing poorly in a class, I was studying. On one of my first

poor, terrible, and bad exams, Peterson wrote a note in Spanish at the top of the test. A classmate assured me it said "See me about this, Rob."

My first reaction was to avoid Dr. Peterson. At no time would I allow him to corner me and ask why I haven't met with him about my dismal test score.

After two or three days, the worry about when Dr. Peterson would corner me was too much. After sleepless nights and worry-filled days, I had to free myself of this faculty stalker so I approached him.

Much to my surprise, I was not threatened with an "F" and having to take the course over. Dr. Peterson admitted he was "concerned," but said he wasn't ready for me to give up and accept an "F." For whatever reason, he was convinced that I could pass the class.

"I'm not overly concerned about this first test score," he said. "This is the first time you have had me for a class. We have never studied together."

The phrase "studied together" caught my attention. It was as if I might be able to teach him something.

That's really the end of my story. For those who are wondering about my final grade in the class, tune in next time for a story about the joy a "C" can provide.

## Insufficient funding impedes education

By Dr. Julio Leon  
College President

The recommendation for higher education and Missouri Southern for fiscal year 1989 contained in the Governor's State of the State address represents essentially a flat recommendation. The concern and uncertainty surrounding the economy are reflected in the Governor's budget proposal for next year. However, when compared to what is recommended for other state agencies, higher education did not fare as well.

Funding for higher education has suffered a series of setbacks in the last eight years. Through gubernatorial vetoes and withholdings, all public four- and two-year institutions in Missouri have

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lost \$87 million that had been appropriated. That represents nearly 20 percent of the current operating budgets of Missouri public colleges and universities. For Missouri Southern State College the lost funds because of vetoes and withholdings amount to \$2,075,804. One can only imagine how many more good things we could be doing if we had had those funds.

It is difficult to imagine the state of Missouri being able to be competitive with other more visionary states in the years to come. In the past few months multi-billion, job-creating federal contracts have been awarded to states where a heavy commitment has been made to education. In fact, those contracts have been awarded because of the particular strengths of the universities in those states.

David Gardner, president of the University of California, in addressing a group of Missouri

business leaders, stated the obvious very well when he said:

"...No country, and no state, can hope to maintain long-term competitiveness in today's economy without access both to new knowledge and to a pool of well-educated people...those states that do not improve their educational systems will find themselves at a significant disadvantage 10 or 15 years down the road, perhaps sooner. States such as North Carolina, California, Massachusetts, and Michigan, for example, are taking steps to build a strong infrastructure for the development of advanced technology. This can only occur if education at all levels is strengthened."

Missouri leaders, especially in the Legislature, understand the importance and the significance of a strong educational system. The time may have come for a grassroots effort from the citizens of the state to seek new and adequate sources of revenue in support of a better educational system for the future of the state of Missouri.

## Let's all help with memorial

I'm a foreign exchange student from India. After living in an underdeveloped country like India, I really enjoy the freedom and prosperity in this country.

Millions of people in my part of India have to worry about their third meal of the day and they don't have opportunities that people have in this country. We should be grateful for those people who gave their lives for the cause of freedom and liberty in this country. The results of which are the freedom and prosperity that citizens of the United States enjoy.

In my opinion, you really have to go and stay in a country like India or Mexico to realize how fortunate you are. I appeal to all students, faculty, and staff to donate generously to the Veterans Memorial Fund. If each student was to donate 50 cents, that would more than take care of the remaining \$1,300 that is needed to fund the memorial.

Let's help to construct this historical monument for the school to show our heart-felt appreciation for this country and the men who died for it.

Rakesh Bhalla

## YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.



## Students should have same rights

In the Jan. 21 edition of The Chart there was an article on the censorship of school newspapers.

The article summarized the recent ruling by the Supreme Court which allows school principals to censor student publications.

Local principals and school newspaper advisers were interviewed, which gave the ruling some effect here at home. However, the interviewer did not question the people the ruling would affect the most: the students. In the long run, the students have the most say as to what is interesting to them and what should be in their school paper.

The principal of Joplin High School believes that the school paper is intended as a learning experience for the students. I believe that it is a learning experience for the students but, more importantly, it gives students a chance to express their views on issues that involve the school. It also allows the students to make known items that otherwise would not be known. That is what investigative reporting is, isn't it? That is what American newspapers center many of their stories on.

The students have the same rights as the adults who are protected by the First Amendment. With this ruling, principals now have the power to censor material which may bring to light issues which may cause unwanted controversy.

Ken Grundt

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# District is taking steps to reduce racial imbalance

Community task force voices its displeasure

By Mark Ernstmann  
Editor-in-Chief

Efforts to reduce racial imbalance and improve the quality of education are currently underway in the Kansas City, Mo., School District (KCMSD) in the form of magnet schools.

The district is implementing a magnet system in accordance with a federal ruling calling for desegregation. It is predicted the system will provide better educational facilities and opportunities for the students.

"Magnet schools are, by definition, a desegregative tool," said Dr. Donald Waldrip, assistant superintendent of KCMSD magnet schools. "And, for the most part, they reduce racial isolation."

"They are specialty schools. They are either organized in a different way than other schools or they have a theme. We get kids who are interested in these particular themes, and they come to the schools because of that."

The concept is that no physical boundaries exist. Students apply to the magnet of their choice, and if there is room, they are accepted.

The themes vary from school to school. Some of the various areas of specialty include foreign language, mathematics/science, visual and performing arts, and environmental science. While at the magnet, in addition to the particular specialty, a student also receives the core curriculum requirements. However, the theme of the school is partly infused in the core.

"It's all voluntary," said Waldrip. "You restrict the receiving school on the bases of race and that way you can desegregate with it. But you do it voluntarily."

According to Waldrip, magnets are the only program he has seen in education

a good one:



Dr. Donald Waldrip

that everyone likes—from the most conservative person to the most liberal.

"They all like magnet schools because they tend to improve the quality of education," he said, "and because it is a voluntary means to do something we have to do constitutionally."

There are currently 19 magnets in the district, with 11 more in operation in September. When the implementation is complete, there will be 47 magnets and just 11 traditional schools. Every middle school and high school will be a magnet.

"If we get a program that is very, very popular, we will just start another one," said Waldrip. "This opportunity to replicate successful programs gives us a chance to put some themes in those remaining 11 traditional schools."

According to Dr. George Garcia, superintendent of the KCMSD, statistics show students are most attracted to the foreign language magnets, especially Spanish. Other successful themes include schools of the arts and a college preparatory magnet.

Garcia said a student would have the option of changing magnet schools every year if desired.

While Waldrip believes there are no disadvantages to the system, he said some have called it "brain drain."

"There are some stated disadvantages, but those people are wrong," he said. "How are they a brain drain if they are open to everybody? They call them that because of the people who say 'I want my kid to go to school down the street.'"

Another area of concern to some is the extensive busing required for the system. To date, the district is using approximately 500 buses to transport some of the 35,000 students.

said Waldrip. "For the most part these kids are white. We can't allow minority kids to come from the suburbs. That would not be desegregative, and the court does not allow for this."

While the magnets may seem like a godsend for the district, there are still some who are not pleased with the attention given to the magnets. A special task force consisting of parents, district officials, and community members are voicing their displeasure.

In a preliminary statement issued by the task force, it stated that the 11 traditional schools are not receiving their share of attention or funding from the district.

Planners of the magnet program say

**"Magnet schools are, by definition, a desegregative tool. And, for the most part, they reduce racial isolation."**

—Dr. Donald Waldrip, assistant superintendent

According to Waldrip, start-up costs are expensive, but once the implementation is complete, costs will remain stable.

"We were so far behind. We had no advocates," he said. "Nobody thought we were a good school system because we weren't. People just left it by the millions."

He said students migrated across the state line to Kansas because there was nothing in Kansas City to offer.

"We have something to offer now. Now they are applying from Kansas, and they can't get in—you have to live in Missouri."

Waldrip said the district must spend an "awful lot of money" to overcome its previous reputation. He believes that once started, the schools will not take "a lot of money" to keep running.

"Over the first two years, we have had over 500 kids come from the suburbs and private schools back to the public schools,"

they have made provisions to avoid an unequal system, but the task force remains critical.

"The task force believes there is a very real danger that the emphasis on enhancing the attractiveness of magnet schools may result in two separate and very unequal school systems within the Kansas City school district's boundaries: A state-of-the-art educational system that would exist in the magnet schools and an unimproved control group of schools known as traditional schools," read the statement.

The statement also recommends the district focus more on improving education for all students, and that it also find additional funds for the traditional schools.

According to parents on the force, there are several inequalities that must be corrected.

## State asks for overturn Missouri files brief opposing court orders

Questioning U.S. District Judge Russell Clark's orders for desegregation, the state of Missouri recently filed a brief opposing the order.

The brief stated the magnet school system was "simply an effort to rebuild the district to the court's taste."

Acting as the defendant, the state has asked the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn Clark's orders including:

- Creating nearly 50 magnet schools.
- Mandating renovation of many district schools and construction of 17 new buildings.
- Unevenly dividing desegregation

costs between the state and the district. ■ Increasing property and income taxes to help the district pay its share of those costs.

In response to the tax increases, the brief read, "This aspect of the order, quite simply, has no counterpart in two centuries of federal judicial history."

The increases, which Clark ordered in September, also are opposed by the state of Kansas, the U.S. Justice Department, Sen. John Danforth (R-Missouri), several Missouri state representatives, several rural school districts in the state, and the taxpayers. All have filed amicus curiae, or friend-of-the-court briefs.



Racial balance

Students at Swinney Elementary School in Kansas City were among some of the first to receive the benefits of the magnet school system. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## Magnet system is already operating

Swinney Elementary School offers 'things that parents are looking for'

While many of the proposed magnet schools are not yet in operation, several of the specialty schools throughout the district are alive and well.

One of those already in operation is Swinney Elementary School, which consists of kindergarten through fourth grade.

"By far it's an excellent program," said Phyllis Washington, principal. "We have had a very good response so far."

According to Washington, Swinney was one of the first five magnets to start in the district.

"We want to offer things that the parents are looking for," she said. "We design special themes that attract students and the parents. No one really wants their kids in something that everyone else is in."

Washington believes her school is more attractive to students and parents due to the curricula and programs offered. Included in the special programs are at least 10 field trips per year for students and extra creative activities.

"Parents would ideally pay for these," said Washington.

One of the extra activities available to students is the summer extended year. Among some of the subjects offered during this term include bowling, swimming, and gardening.

"Three-fourths of our students come back for the summer session," said Washington.

In addition to the summer session, there also is a program referred to as ex-

tended day. Forty-five different options are available to the students.

"In the extended day, we offer to the students anything their heart would desire," said Washington.

While a strong emphasis is placed on improving the quality of education, another purpose of the magnets is to desegregate. And according to Washington, the schools are accomplishing that goal.

with respect to minorities, males, and females. All of our programs are in compliance."

According to Washington, one of the most attractive features about her school is the pupil-teacher ratio.

"The ratio of students to teachers is 22 to 1," she said. "There are no more than 11 to 20 students per room, and we also have about 20 teacher aides."

One advantage Washington had at

**"We are in compliance with racial balance. At present, we are in compliance with the numbers with respect to minorities, males, and females."**

—Phyllis Washington, Swinney principal

"We are certainly accomplishing what we want to," she said.

The goal of desegregation is to draw more non-minority students from the suburbs and private schools back to the inner-city schools, thus creating a better racial balance.

Statistics show that since 1977, the percentage of minority students at Swinney has risen from 38 percent to 53 percent in 1985.

"We are in compliance with racial balance," said Washington. "At present, we are in compliance with the numbers

Swinney was the chance to choose her own staff. She said the people make the school and the difference.

"The people here are truly dedicated," she said. "There is nothing they wouldn't do for the kids. They are truly dedicated professionals. I definitely depend on them."

As for disadvantages, Washington cannot come up with many. But there was one that concerned her.

"My only concern is that the next place they go to will not be as good as Swinney," she said.



Civil rights

Martin Luther King, Jr., is just one of the American civil rights leaders looked up to by students in the Kansas City School District. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)



## Language students plan Feb. 23 Springfield trip

Members of the Modern Language Club will soon have a chance to experience traditions that are characteristic of the South American people.

La Compania Folklorica Latina will present a concert of dance, song, and music on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Hillcrest High School in Springfield. The performance will include folkloric traditions of South America, along with an English/Spanish narration explaining the significance of each segment.

The company is comprised of performers from Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador. It was created by choreographer and dancer Lisa Alicia Bottalico, and is sponsored by the National Theater of the Performing Arts.

Dr. Hal Bodon, professor of communications, and Dr. Vernon Peterson, associate professor of communications, have both attended past performances.

Bodon said, "I think they are the best Central American troop that travels through the country."

Peterson commented on the *Boleadoras*, a famous segment of the program featuring balls on cords. He said, "The *Boleadoras*, as they say, are lightning fast. The execution of it is magnificent."

French, German, and Spanish students are encouraged to attend, as well as other interested students, according to Bodon.

Peterson said, "We like to involve the largest student segment of the campus as we can."

While in Springfield, the students will eat at an ethnic restaurant, either the Bombay Bicycle Club or Mexican Villa. The students also are encouraged to use the languages they are studying.

The trip is funded by the Student Senate and the communications department. Each student is responsible for his or her meal.



**Orientation students**

College Orientation students listen to a lecture on the various programs provided by the Missouri Southern counseling center. Joe Vermillion, counselor, spoke to the students near his office in Hearn Hall. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## Club sponsors dating service

The student chapter of the Data Processing Management Association (DPMA) is sponsoring a computer-dating service.

Linda Mayes, member of the DPMA, says the Date-Mate computer dating service is "a good way" for Missouri Southern to get acquainted with the DPMA.

The organization was chartered on campus in February 1987.

Mayes added, "We also see this as a good fund-raising activity. We expect

plenty of interest from the students."

Mayes said the Date-Mate computer-dating service will provide some activity for computer science students.

"This will give the computer science students some good, practical exercise and experience in using the computer for purposes such as this," she said.

Students may pick up, fill out, and return Date-Mate applications in Room 223 of Matthews Hall before Feb. 5. A \$1 donation is requested.

## College organizations offer assistance to youth

Brother of student needs \$150,000 for operation

With several campus organizations offering their assistance, Missouri Southern hopes to set an "example" for the community.

Courtney Carlisle, the five-year-old brother of Jamie Carlisle, a former student at Southern, is in need of a bone-marrow transplant. The Carlisles must raise at least \$150,000 to even be considered for the transplant.

Courtney has been combating leukemia for most of his life.

After Carlisle visited with Doug Carnahan, director of student life, Carnahan put the word out and several organizations have contacted him offering to help.

"The dental hygienists, the school's food service, the Math Club, and several others have called me wanting to know

what they could do to help," said Carnahan.

Carnahan says he gets additional calls every day.

For donations, the food service is placing a plastic container outside the cafeteria with a picture of Courtney on the side.

An account has been set up in Courtney's name in the business office for persons wanting to make contributions.

The Student Senate has decided to match the highest donation made by a campus organization, up to \$1,000.

"We're trying to set an example for the community so they will jump in and help us," Carnahan said.

This is not the first time Southern has gone the extra mile to help a student.

"In the past, we have had memorials and we've planted trees for students that were killed in car wrecks," he said.

"The Residence Hall Association has helped individuals in the past with operations," Carnahan said.

Another College organization, the Campus Activities Board, is planning several fund-raising events.

"This year we're going to have a 12-hour superdance, from night to morning," said Val Williams, coordinator of student activities, "with Courtney as our recipient."

Last year, the CAB had a 24-hour superdance for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, raising nearly \$3,000.

"We can exceed that amount this year if we make it a little more realistic," said Williams. "An all-night dance, we're hoping, will attract more people."

The CAB also is sponsoring a pool tournament Feb. 15-19. Each person who enters must have a minimum of \$25 in pledges. The person with the highest amount of pledges will receive a prize. Also, the winner of the pool tournament will be given a \$50 prize.

The CAB will give a prize to the individual who comes up with the highest donation.

Fifty percent of all pool table receipts through March will be used for the Carlisles.




According to Williams, many faculty members have presented checks.

"We'll also be having a spring break trip giveaway to Daytona Beach," she said.

"We're not in the fund-raising business," said Carnahan, "but we hope to at least get the ball started so others will jump in and help out."



## Upcoming Events

<b>Today</b>			LDSSA meeting noon BSC-311	
<b>Tomorrow</b>	Young Democrats meeting noon BSC-306		Asterisks	Men's and Women's Basketball vs Kearney State 5:15 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. away
<b>Saturday</b>			Fort Hays State	Men's and Women's Basketball vs Fort Hays State 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. away
<b>Monday</b>			Honors Colloquium 2 p.m. BSC-314	Sigma Nu meeting 5:15 p.m. BSC-311
<b>Tuesday</b>	College Republicans meeting noon BSC-313	Newman Club meeting 12:20 p.m. BSC-314	Women's Basketball vs School of the Ozarks 7 p.m. home	CAB Movie 7:30 & 9:30 p.m. in the Barn Theatre
<b>Wednesday</b>	Interviews for manager trainee Sutherland Lumber Company for info call 625-9343	Coffeehouse Series Alex Cole comedian 11 a.m. Lions' Den	International Club meeting 3 p.m. BSC-313	Student Senate meeting 5:30 p.m. BSC-310

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Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra to give concert at College

By Brenda Kilby  
Arts Editor

Celebrating its 108th season and conductor Leonard Slatkin's ninth anniversary as music director, the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra will present a concert at Missouri Southern next month.

The concert, which is set to begin at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23, in Taylor Auditorium, is made possible by a public-private partnership between the Southwestern Bell Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, the Missouri Arts Council, and the Mid-America Arts Alliance. Local support is provided by Pro Musica and Missouri Southern's 50th anniversary committee.

"We are pleased to be a part of this project," said Gene Maggard, manager of the Joplin office of Southwestern Bell. "Southwestern Bell has had a long history of support for the arts in our territory."

Cynthia Schwab, who incorporated Pro Musica, a local non-profit organization for the advancement of music and education, anticipates that every seat in Taylor Auditorium will be filled.

"There are between 2,000 and 2,100 seats in the auditorium," said Schwab, who is a fan of the Saint Louis Symphony

Orchestra and Leonard Slatkin. "I believe it will be sold out—absolutely."

"In a concert with 101 musicians, you



Leonard Slatkin

get a full and very rich sound. They are a marvelously led, directed, and conducted orchestra."

Schwab said the Saint Louis Symphony compared favorably, in her estimation, with the London Symphony Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, and the Philadelphia Orchestra, all of which she has heard live.

According to Schwab, the size of the Symphony Orchestra and the acoustics in Taylor Auditorium will produce an excellent sound for all concert-goers, no matter where they sit. In spite of that, seats that cost more are on sale, primarily because of their convenience and location.

"We took the seats through the center and next to the aisle in the side sections, and the first rows of the balcony and called those premium seats," she said.

Val Williams, coordinator of student activities, said the premium seats are the ones she would personally choose.

"The way the facility is built, the sound is best in these areas," she said. "The worst seats are down in the front row because of the way the sound is concentrated."

According to Williams, the sound is best at least 20 or more rows back.

"If it doesn't sell out, it will come close," she said. "As of Tuesday, we have sold approximately 700 tickets. That is without any advertising except for a news article in the paper and one in a local magazine."

Of the tickets already sold, 50 percent have been for premium seats. According to Williams, tickets may be purchased in Room 112 of the Billingsly Student Center or reserved by calling 625-9366.

General admission tickets are \$12 for premium seats and \$8 for regular seats; senior citizens or students may buy tickets for premium seats for \$10 and tickets for regular seats for \$3.

A possible concern for some will be the question of proper dress for persons attending the concert. According to Jean Campbell, staff assistant for the 50th anniversary committee, proper attire would be a coat and tie for men and dresses and heels for women.

Gail Smith, who is married to Russell C. Smith, a member of the Board of Regents at Southern, is helping coordinate a patron's party after the concert.

Smith said she didn't want to discourage anyone from dressing up as much as they wanted to, nor did she want anyone to feel they could not attend because of a limited wardrobe.

"I doubt if anyone will be wearing sequin dresses or anything like that," she said.

The patron's party after the reception is to be held at Phinney Hall, located in the fine arts complex. Smith is working

with Carolyn Phelps, wife of John Phelps, member of the Board of Regents, on the event.

"We are serving hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, cheese, and small sandwiches," Smith said. "It won't be a sit down and eat situation, but the food will be ample and there will be beverages."

"We are hoping to have around 200 people at the reception," Smith said. "We have invited quite a few people, and it's a good chance for those interested in the arts to meet others throughout the state."

Tickets for the patron party are \$20 each, and can be purchased at the ticket office in Billingsly Student Center. According to Smith, the proceeds for the patron's party will return to Southern and be applied to the fine arts scholarship fund that Schwab helped establish several years ago.

Schwab is looking forward to the reception, which she says will be a chance for the public to meet Leonard Slatkin, as well as David Hyslop, the executive director of the Symphony.

"Having the Symphony here during the College's 50th anniversary year and having the kind of marvelous program that the Symphony has planned," Schwab said, "will make it a treat and an enjoyment for everyone."

Williams is 'incredibly funny' but is lacking in acting skills

By Chris Clark  
Editorial Page Editor

Rating: ★★½  
(out of ★★★★★)

Good Morning, Vietnam, Robin Williams' latest film venture, is a classic example of a movie that cannot decide what it wants to be.

Good Morning, Vietnam is based on the true-life story of armed-forces DJ Adrian Croenaur, a comedic broadcaster sent to boost the morale of the military forces stationed in Vietnam during the war. Despite being a hit with the troops, Croenaur does not impress the local brass with his continuous barbs toward the Army.

As the story moves on, Croenaur befriends a South Vietnamese boy who later turns out to be linked to Viet Cong terrorism. It is here where the story takes a serious turn, and not for the better.

For a movie that has been billed as the funniest wartime movie since M\*A\*S\*H, it is sorely disappointing. A movie that features a comedic gem like Williams should stick to what he does best: comedy. This is not to say that Williams is not funny in this movie. His one-liners, impressions, and total outrageousness will definitely generate laughs, but it remains awkward to view Williams in a drama vein. Asking Williams to be serious about anything for more than a minute at a time is somewhat akin to asking the Pope to do stand-up comedy. It pains me to say this, but there were times when I was asking, "Where's Mork?"

Despite Williams' lack of dramatic presence, after seeing the film it becomes evident that no one but Williams could have filled the role of Croenaur. There is

no way around it; Williams is incredibly funny. That is if you can understand half of what he is saying. Williams' humor comes so fast that often it is hard to pick up what he has said. It leaves you asking the person in the seat next to you what Williams said.

It must be noted, however, that the sound quality of the movie was sub-standard to say the least. Only the most keen of ears could have picked up everything that was said. The fact that the sound system was of poor quality was especially disturbing considering the outstanding soundtrack that accompanies Good Morning, Vietnam.

James Brown, Martha and the Vandellas, and The Beach Boys are just a few of the artists that appear on the soundtrack. The music provided an interesting backdrop to the wartime scenes depicted in the movie that went beyond the fact that the songs were popular during that time period. It reminds one of the brilliant imagery used in George Lucas' American Graffiti. The imagery used by director Barry Levinson in Good Morning, Vietnam would be impossible to describe in a movie review column, but rest assured it is impressive.

For those who are die-hard Robin Williams fans with the patience to overlook Williams' problems with serious acting, this flick might appear as a god-send. But those who are searching for a film that lacks the serious overtones that accompany the average Vietnam feature need to look elsewhere. There are numerous scenes that appear as throwbacks to Platoon and Full Metal Jacket and there is nothing wrong with that.

The problem lies with Good Morning, Vietnam's inability to decide whether it wants to be a comedy or a drama. Some movies can do both. This one cannot.



In concert The Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the Taylor Auditorium at Missouri Southern. Tickets, which range in price from \$5 to \$12, can be purchased at the ticket office in the Billingsly Student Center, or can be reserved by calling (417) 625-9366.

Debate squad brings home awards

Last weekend was a success for Missouri Southern's debate squad when it won 17 trophies at the Show-Me Swing Tournament.

The team competed Friday and Saturday at Warrensburg, placing third in team sweepstakes. Mark Ancell and Trace Brown won first place in Novice CEDA, (Cross Examination Debate Association) and third place in Open CEDA debate. Kevin Doss and Michael Prater placed second in Open CEDA debate.

Doss placed first in Impromptu Lincoln-Douglas Debate (LD), while Prater placed second.

Diane Hampton placed sixth in Persuasive Speaking and Roger Staggs placed sixth in Extemporaneous Speaking.

Doss placed third in Communication Analysis and received third place Speaker Award in CEDA Debate.

"I was very shocked to have received the third place Speaker Award," said Doss. "I've always wanted a Speaker Award."

"Our preliminary was five wins with one loss," he said. "I was excited we won

quarterfinals; it was a real tough round."

At Kirksville the squad swept first through sixth places in LD Debate. Dennis Mailes placed first; Brown, second; Doss, third; Prater, fourth; Staggs, fifth; and Ancell, sixth. Southern also placed third in Team Sweepstakes Award. John Kerney placed fifth in Improvised Duet Acting and Doss placed sixth in Communication Analysis.

"I was most excited about the team effort at Warrensburg with the third place finish," said Doss. "Everybody worked together as a team; that's what made it a special effort."

There were schools represented from Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Illinois, and Indiana. Missouri Southern did exceptional, according to Dave Delaney, debate coach.

"The team always works hard," he said. "And the reason for such an outstanding performance was because everything came together as I knew it would eventually."

Coming Attractions

Joplin	Portraits From The Golden Age Of Jazz Today thru Sunday Spiva Art Center		Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra Feb. 23 Taylor Auditorium	
Kansas City	The Baldknobbers Feb. 13 K.C. Opry	John Cougar Mellencamp Feb. 18 Kemper Arena		
	Aerosmith w/ Dokken Feb. 19 Kemper Arena	Kiss w/ Ted Nugent Feb. 20 Kansas City Municipal Auditorium	The Count Basie Orchestra Feb. 21 Kansas City Music Hall	
Tulsa	Aerosmith w/ Dokken Feb. 18 Tulsa Convention Center		Petra Tomorrow 7 p.m. Brady Theatre	Crystal Gayle Feb. 4 6:30 & 9:30 p.m. Brady Theatre
Springfield	Barry Manilow Feb. 15 Hammons Student Center			

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## Goetz declares candidacy

After 12 years on the Joplin City Council, Don Goetz announced Monday that he will run for state representative from the 127th District.

The position has been held by Roy Cagle since 1977. Cagle has filed for an open seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, vacated by Gene Taylor's retirement after his term expires.

"My dedication is for a better Joplin for all of us to live in—a growing Joplin—and I think this can best be served by me being elected as your state representative," Goetz said.

"If elected, I will continue to serve the people of this area as I did as a Councilman. I take each issue as it comes before me, looking it over carefully, studying it, and voting the way I feel will be best for the people of Joplin and the Joplin area."

Goetz, who was planning a re-election campaign for City Council, officially withdrew his candidacy for that position. He said he wanted to devote all his energies to the race for state representative. The primary election is scheduled for Aug. 2.

He believes his 12 years as City Councilman, including two as the mayor of Joplin, will be to his advantage in the race.

"I think it's very important that we have good representation. I feel that I'm the best candidate for that representation for the area, and that's why I'm seeking the position," he said.

He said his main priorities are in the area of economic development.

"I feel that through economic growth in our community, we all benefit, from the senior citizen down to the child that's in grade school."

"I think we have to be sure that what the state agencies are requiring of our local municipalities is reasonable."

Fellow Councilman Gary Burton announced last week that he will run for the 127th District as well. Goetz doesn't expect any friction to develop between himself and Burton.



## Tax monies would be used for tourism bureau

By John Ford  
Assistant Editor

In the upcoming April 5 election, Joplin residents will have to make decisions on many issues, one of which is a tax on gross receipts derived from hotels and motels.

Monies derived from this tax would go toward the formation of a tourism bureau. Estimated revenues derived from the tax are between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

"Cities have to sell themselves," said Blake Schreck, executive vice president of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce. "One hundred percent of the money raised from the tax will go to the promotion of tourism."

"Basically, this (the tax) is nothing unique. In fact, we are unique in not having a tax," he said.

The tax will be set at 1 percent of a hotel or motel's gross receipts. If a tourist

stayed at one of these establishments and spent \$40 on his bill, under the new tax law the motel tax on that bill would amount to 80 cents.

The new tax would be a transient tax, not a tax on the motels themselves.

"We're involved in promoting an educational campaign," Schreck said. "This is not a motel tax, a tax on motels, but a tax on guests who stay at the motels."

Several years ago, a motel tax was brought before Joplin voters and soundly defeated. Many reasons can be given for the defeat of this tax.

"At that time, there was a question to where the money went," said Schreck. "There was no agreement reached as to where the money would go. Now there is a coalition with us and the hotel/motel people. They are behind this because the money is going back into the industry from where it came."

Hotel and motel managers find the idea

of the money going back into the industry from which it derived appealing.

"It's given you a salesperson for Joplin to go out and meet with planners, to bid on conventions, and, if attempts are successful, it (tax) will bring in new money into the community as a whole," said Bob Dall, manager of the Joplin Holiday Inn.

"The average convention guest will spend \$125 per day of the duration of the convention in the community the convention is held," Dall added. "For example, at a 2,000-person convention, \$250,000 would be spent daily. An average convention will last 3.9 days (according to national averages). During this time, \$975,000 will be put into the community."

"If they (City Council) spend the money wisely, I'm all for it," said Jeff Julich, manager of Days Inn in Joplin.

"I'm in favor of the motel tax, providing it goes into tourism," said Richard Nichols, manager of Best Western in

Joplin. "However, I don't want it (all) to go into industrial development."

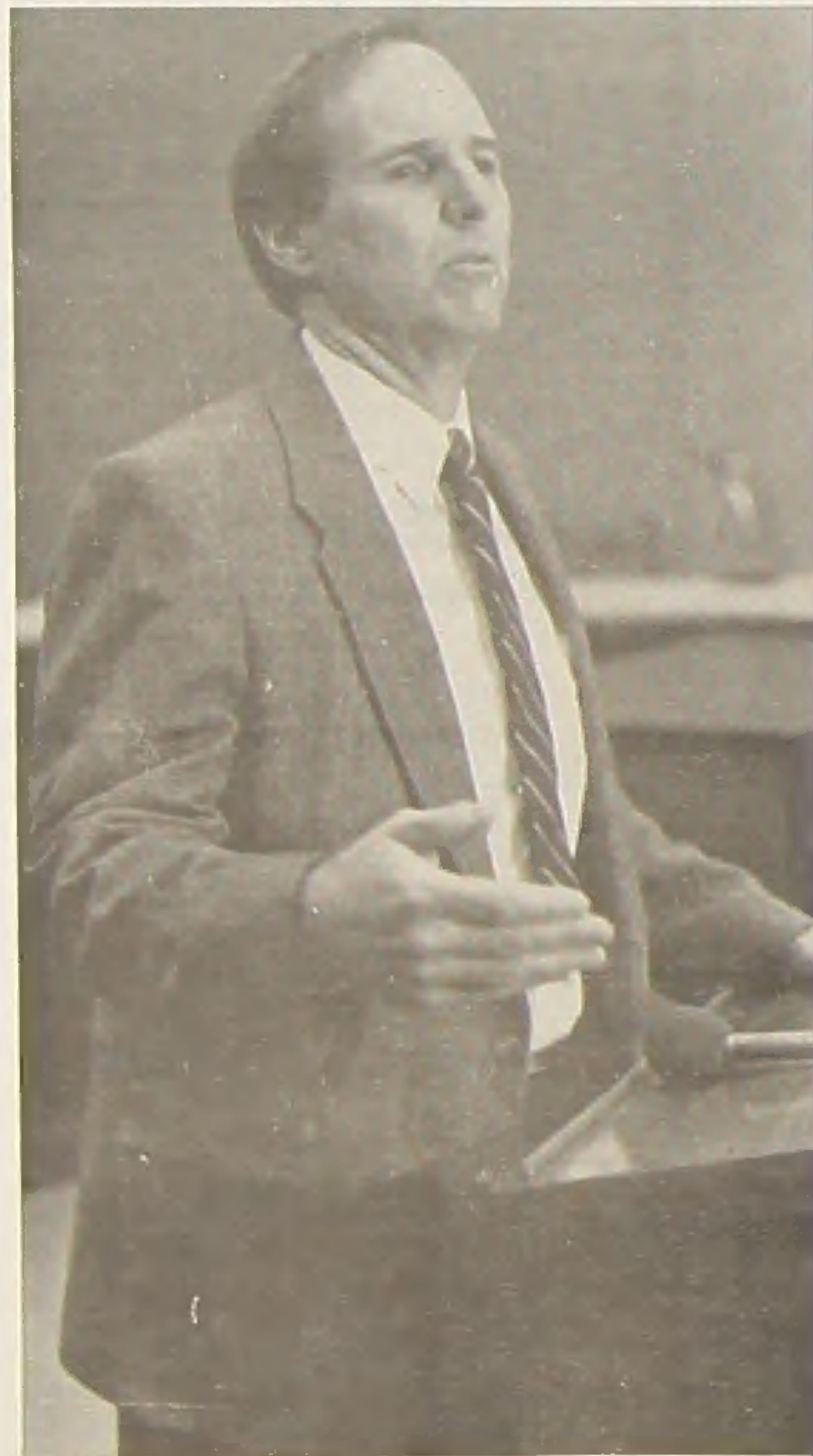
Some believe the increase in tourism will bring an increase in jobs for the area. In addition, many businesses other than the hotel/motel industry would benefit from the tax.

"Tourism is economic development, and economic development creates jobs," said Dall.

"I think all the businesses in town will benefit," Julich said.

"I think we (hotel/motel owners and Chamber of Commerce) can work together and present the facts to the public, and hopefully it will get passed," Schreck said.

Four people will serve on the tourism board. Presiding over this board will be a bureau director who reports to the city manager.



### Announcement

Joplin City Councilman Don Goetz announces his candidacy for state representative of the 127th District in a Monday press conference. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## Fly fishing is gaining in popularity

Local man is main force behind attempts to establish angling organization

By Anastasia Umland  
Staff Writer

Fishing has been commonly known as a relaxation sport for many years, but now fly fishing is gaining more recognition as a new form of enjoyment.

"I have been interested in fishing for many years," said Joe Butler, co-founder of the Joplin Fly Fishing Club. "During the past three to four years, I've gotten an interest in fly fishing."

Butler is the main force in attempting to establish a local chapter of the Federation of Fly Fishermen. This organization is designed to provide information, as well as camaraderie with other fly fishermen.

"We want to be able to provide others with advice on the mechanics, locations, and rules of the streams," said Butler.

Fly fishing is mainly a recreational sport. The concept involves drawing the fish, mostly trout, to a hook disguised as an insect. The fisherman casts and retrieves his line repeatedly, thus creating a movement which in turn attracts the fish. The trout feed mainly on insects due to their small mouths.

The primary concern of the fishermen is to catch and release the fish.

"Most of the state-stocked streams do not allow the fishermen to keep the fish they catch," said Butler. "The state requires you to release the fish, which in turn protects the wildlife."

**"We want to be able to provide others with advice on the mechanics, locations, and rules of the streams."**

—Joe Butler, Joplin Fly Fishing Club

bers on building their own fishing rods," said Butler.

However, the foremost focus of the first meeting will be to elect officers and adopt the national by-laws, set up an agenda, and decide on a group of laws for the local chapter.

Membership is open to the public and for a minimum \$10 fee, interested parties can join. The club will organize monthly meetings and in the future begin printing a newsletter to further inform members of upcoming events.

Along with teaching the regulations of fly fishing, Butler also is planning to instruct members on fly tying or making the bait.

"We are also planning to instruct mem-

"Hopefully, we will be able to schedule seminars and classes for the members to participate in," said Butler.

An open meeting for all interested people will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Joplin Elks' Lodge, 1802 West 26th Street.

"We are anticipating a fairly good turnout," said Butler. "I'm sure there are a lot of fly fishermen out there who will be glad to have an organization of this type."

## T-Birds features music from 50s, 60s

By Steve Moore  
Staff Writer

Serving market needs is the primary goal of T-Birds, located at 2803 S. Rangeline in Joplin.

The theme of the popular night club is 1950s and 1960s music. Mickey Mitchell, one of the club's major stockholders, said he decided upon the theme when he realized people were leaving Joplin for that type of entertainment.

"There were a lot of people going to Springfield, Kansas City, and other places like that—to Studebaker's (a Springfield club featuring the same theme) and other places that feature 50s and 60s music," said Mitchell.

While T-Birds opened on June 26, 1987, several other night clubs have used the location in previous years. Mitchell believes, however, that by giving the public what it wants, T-Birds will last.

"There's been some proprietors in there that felt like the location was bad, but Rangeline property is a good location," he

said. "We've looked in Tulsa markets and Springfield markets and Kansas City; the successful club could be located anywhere. They can be underneath a railroad tunnel."

According to Mitchell, location has nothing to do with the success of a night club if "you're playing the music that they want to hear; if you're catering to the public."

A recent addition to T-Birds is a party room that can be rented to private parties or utilized to handle a crowd overflow. Also in this party room, says Mitchell, will be a comedy club.

"We are starting to kick it off now as a comedy club," he said, "so we're going to hit the same age bracket of people we've been catering to with something else to do on a Friday or Saturday night."

Already featured in the club has been "Master Hypnotist" Dr. Richard Le Font. According to Mitchell, the act was very successful.

"We had a show at seven o'clock and we had a show at 10 o'clock and we had 125

tickets sold for each one of them before we opened the doors," he said.

The weekend after next will feature three professional comedians, one of whom has been on "several" television programs.

One of the main attractions of the night club is the dancing cheerleaders act of "The T-Birdettes." The inspiration for the act came to Mitchell when he visited a San Francisco club.

"I visited the Hard Rock Cafe there, and they were dressed up in Oxford shoes and poodle skirts," said Mitchell.

The name for T-Birds came from a car owned by Dr. Paul Swanson, another major stockholder in the club.

"It's a '57 T-Bird," said Mitchell, "so it kind of went right along with our theme of 50s and 60s music."

Although advertising is only local, Mitchell said several patrons come from Springfield, Kansas City, and Tulsa.

The night club is open nightly until 1 a.m. with a \$1 cover charge on Friday and Saturday nights.



# Wade battles other schools for top recruits

By Rob Smith  
Executive Manager

While Charley Wade prides himself on creating a strong passing game, he is trying to create balance when it comes to recruiting for the football Lions.

"I don't know if there is an abundance of talent and size at any one position," he said. "It depends on position."

"Some people ask me what we are looking for. I say I want good players. We want the biggest, quickest player we can get at any one position."

Wade said that although he spends many hours on the telephone contacting recruits, he is not out to fill one or two particular positions.

"The most difficult position to find out of high school is the big, quick lineman," he said. "It's really hard to recruit these guys because the big colleges want them."

"When we talk about recruiting, we know the cupboard was not bare. We know there were good football players when we got here. But we definitely had areas we had to shore up."

Although Wade has 40 football scholarships, he must distribute them between the recruits and the current players. Wade said the limited number of scholarships

makes recruiting difficult.

"We do bring freshmen in with full scholarships," he said. "We prefer to give the scholarships to players who are established in our program."

scholarships are far fewer than many other colleges.

"Southwest Missouri State is tough to recruit against," he said. "We also compete with Pittsburg (Kan.) State, CMSU

since I was a coach," said Jim Frazier, men's athletic director. "It's just hard work, and it's also timing. Recruiting is like shaving. Every day you fail to do it, the more you look like a bum."

Because he was not hired until Dec. 2, Wade said Southern had a late start on its recruiting. Still, he said he has not changed his recruiting style.

"I tell them that I've known about Southern for a long time and that I'm returning here after a 15 years," said Wade. "I tell them this is a good academic school."

"We have a good-looking campus. That is so important. That's the first thing they see when they visit Southern."

In addition to the looks of the campus, Wade said two other factors that weigh heavily in a recruit's decision to come to Southern are the stadium and the people.

"Usually, they look for things that appeal to them," he said. "Then they get a chance to learn about people. They're our best recruit—our own people."

According to Wade, fewer college recruits are interested in attending a major university.

"The recruits have learned that bigger is not always best," he said. "We've got a school that can compete with other schools in a quality education."

## Recruiting: A Wade Perspective

- **Best Recruiting Area:** southern Missouri
- **Major Competition for Recruits:** Southwest Missouri State University, Central Missouri State University, Pittsburg State University, Northeastern Oklahoma State University at Tahlequah, and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M at Miami
- **Missouri Southern's Most Marketable Feature:** the campus, artificial turf stadium, people on campus
- **Missouri Southern's Greatest Weakness in Recruiting:** lack of indoor physical education facilities
- **What He Looks For in a Recruit:** "the biggest, quickest, highly-skilled player"

"So far, I've offered six or seven scholarships to recruits."

Many times, Wade ends up dividing the scholarships into several smaller scholarships. But he admits Missouri Southern's

(Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg), and Northeastern Oklahoma at Tahlequah. Northeast Oklahoma in Miami is also a strong recruiter.

"Recruiting has not changed that much

## Southern faces road tests Basketball Lions seek first conference win

By Rob Smith  
Executive Manager

With both teams winless in the CSIC, one team is sure to end up with a conference victory this weekend when Missouri Southern plays Kearney State.

The Lions will hit the road, traveling to Kearney, Neb., tomorrow and Fort Hays (Kan.) State Saturday. Southern is 4-13 overall, 0-5 in the league.

"If we are each playing one another, one of us is bound to win," said Jerry Hueser, head coach of Kearney State, 0-6 in the CSIC. "The bad news is that one of us will still be without a win after it's over."

According to Chuck Williams, Southern head coach, the longest conference road trip of the year is difficult.

"Traditionally, it's one of the toughest weekends in the conference," he said. "Kearney has always been tough at home. Hays has been ranked number one in the nation. I think that speaks for itself."

On Tuesday, despite a 43-point effort from Antonio Taylor, the Lions fell to Rockhurst 83-76. The Hawks handed Southern its sixth consecutive defeat.

Southern is just 4-18 on the Kearney-Fort Hays road trip since the series began in 1976, but both opponents have struggled recently.

"We've lost three in a row," said Bill Morse, Fort Hays head coach. "We lost two at home [last weekend] against Washburn and Emporia."

"We have lost a lot of confidence and intensity over the last few games."

Although the Tigers have lost three in a row (including a 78-77 loss Tuesday at Panhandle State), Fort Hays is 13-3 overall and 4-2 in the CSIC. Morse said his team has suffered because senior guard Mark Harris has been unproductive in recent games.

"Harris is the one who has to fire up and get us out of it," Morse said. "He only had six points against Panhandle State."

While Morse calls Harris the key to a turnaround, it is 6-foot-8 junior Ronnie Thompkins who leads the team with 21.6 points and 11.1 rebounds per game.

"Thompkins has had many turnovers, and that's not too good for a big guy," Morse said.

While Fort Hays has lost only three times, Kearney sits at 8-13 after weekend losses at home against Emporia State and Washburn.

"We don't have an outstanding player this year," said Hueser. "We have a lot of average players."

"Our lack of wins is not linked to any one thing. One night we'll shoot poorly

and another night it might be rebounding or turnovers."

Despite Southern's losing record, Hueser said the Lopers cannot afford to look ahead to their game Saturday night with Pittsburg State.

"We always prepare for the team that comes in first," he said. "At 6-13, we can't look past Southern or anyone else for that matter."

"This is the first losing season I've had in 18 years here," said Hueser. "We're just lacking the one player that can do it at both ends of the court day in and day out."

## Intramural player joins Lions' squad

Two days after playing intramural basketball at Missouri Southern, Robert Fisher saw action as a member of the Lions' varsity squad.

Although he didn't attempt a shot, the freshman guard played in both of Southern's conference games last weekend.

Fisher, who scored nearly 1,800 career points at Webb City High School while earning all-state honors, had opted to concentrate on baseball during his college career.

Needing a reserve guard, Chuck Williams, Southern head basketball coach, encouraged Fisher to fill the position.

"I was familiar with his high school career and knew he had considered playing basketball in college," said Williams.

"It wasn't tough to decide," said Fisher. "I said yes because I enjoy basketball."

"Coach [Warren] Turner (head baseball coach) told me if I wanted to play basketball, baseball would still be waiting for me."



Robert Fisher

## Crouch says he will commit to PSU

By Sean Vanslyke  
Director of Photography

Seneca High School running back Shannon Crouch has said he plans to make a verbal commitment to attend Pittsburg State University on a football scholarship.

Colleges can sign high school athletes beginning Feb. 10. PSU athletic officials were to visit the Crouch home in Seneca last night. The all-state performer also was the subject of a Missouri Southern recruiting effort.

Crouch, who led the Seneca Indians to the Class 2A football title in 1987, com-

pleted 6,119 yards as a varsity player. During his senior season he rushed for 2,239 yards and scored 32 touchdowns.

"They (PSU) have a winning tradition," he said, "and I want to be part of it."

Southwest Missouri State University and the University of Missouri also were recruiting Crouch.

"I wanted to go somewhere where my position won't change," Crouch said. "For example, I don't want it to change from tailback to wide receiver."

PSU was seeking Crouch's services due to the graduation of all-conference tailback Monte Weathers. The Gorillas finished with an 11-1 record in 1987.



## Softball isn't my sport

Having little or no athletic ability does not restrict a person's interest in sports. But as a woman and a sports fan, I'm not always expected to voice my opinion on athletics. And when I do have an opinion, people don't always listen.

I had my first taste of organized sports when I was 10 years old.

The Joplin Parks and Recreation Department advertised girls' softball leagues forming at local schools. Eagerly, I convinced my mom that I had enormous talent just waiting to be discovered. She agreed, and I was on my way to becoming the next Babe Ruth, or so I thought....

The first day of practice we met our coach, a huge bear of a man with a limited vocabulary. He told all 18 of us, in very graphic language, exactly what he expected. After the lecture, we took the field. The coach put us through many drills to find out what kind of talent we had. I attempted to hit the ball, run fast, and make spectacular catches. I was so sure that I was at least one of the best girls on the team.

I rushed to the car where my mom was waiting and told her the news. "The coach is pretty impressed with me," I said. "I'm sure I will get to play either first or second base."

After school the next day I hurried to practice, for this was the day a star would be born. When the coach arrived, he quickly called us all to gather round. He reeled off the names of the starting players and positions in an off-hand manner. When he completed the list I realized my name hadn't been called, so I ran over to him to see if a mistake had been made.

"Well, uh, I, uh, don't uh, think, I uh, meant to uh, leave you out, uh," he said. "I'd like you to play left field, as kind of back up, you know."

Needless to say, I was crushed. My short-lived career was over. Dejected, I got into my mom's car and burst into tears. "Oh, honey, it's not so bad," she said. "You'll have an opportunity to play sooner or later."

Finally, the first game arrived. The first few innings were uneventful, then things got really exciting. While running to catch a fly ball, the left fielder fell and broke her ankle.

Now, I would finally get my chance to show the coach my talent.

During the next couple of innings, I had little to do in left except stand and wait. Suddenly, in the middle of the last inning, out of nowhere came a fly ball into left field.

"Get under it, girl," screamed the coach. "Be calm," I thought to myself. So I spotted the ball in the air and got under it. With my right hand extended high and my eyes closed tightly, I stood ready to make the catch that would win the game. The ball landed behind me and the batter circled the bases, scoring all three runners in front of her.

I didn't know what to tell my angered coach. I had tried my best, but how was I to know the ball would not cooperate?

I decided if I ever had the opportunity to play again, I would definitely not mess up.

Well—as luck would have it—the left fielder was in a cast for awhile, and I was in as her replacement.

When it came my turn to bat during our next game came, I did some stretches, then took my position....

"Strike three! You're out!" screamed the umpire. I still don't understand why he had to scream—I was standing right there.

The whole park became really quiet. Everyone was looking at me with pity. I walked back to the dugout and saw the coach all bent over with his head in his hand.

"You know, maybe softball isn't my sport," I later told my mom. "It gets awfully hot out there and those stupid caps mess up my hair."

□ Anastasia Umland is a sports writer for The Chart.



Rebound battle

Missouri Southern's Sonya Trimbath (No. 42) battles for rebound position against Wayne State. The Lady Lions prevailed 64-57 Saturday night. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## Phillips says road games now will help team in district race

By Rob Smith  
Executive Manager

Although the Lady Lions are on the road for a weekend doubleheader, Jim Phillips believes it's better to travel now rather than at the end of the season.

Missouri Southern will face Kearney (Neb.) State tomorrow and Fort Hays (Kan.) the following night.

While Phillips, Southern head coach, is concerned about the weekend, he is looking forward to a late season advantage over Missouri Western. After beating the Lady Griffons 79-53 last Friday, Southern took over first place in the District 16 Dunkel ratings.

"We play five of our next six games on the road," said Phillips. "Western is home for their next seven games."

"In the end, Western plays their last five on the road (while the Lady Lions will be home for five of their last seven games)."

Still, Phillips' immediate attention is focused on Kearney State despite its 2-14 record.

"Kearney seems to be a little bit up and down this year," he said. "They are the biggest team we will face all year."

"What makes Kearney tick is an excellent junior varsity program. When they

have a girl come in, she already has 20 games under her belt."

Fort Hays is 7-9 overall and 3-3 in the CSIC. According to Phillips, Hays is the most difficult place to play in the league.

"Hays is the mystery team in the conference," he said. "They took Emporia to four overtimes, and then they lost."

Phillips said his concern against Fort Hays is stopping 6-foot sophomore center Chris Biser.

"She caused us some problems last year," he said. "They have a guard named Penny Fischer. She is an excellent player, too."

"If you can get Hays down, you can beat them because they are young."

Phillips said he also is concerned about the consistency of his team.

"Sonya (Trimbath) and Irish (Wilson) are yet to play good back-to-back games," he said. "I don't know if it's because they're tired. They usually play a good Friday game, and then they struggle on Saturday."

Phillips will start Trimbath (5-10 sophomore) and Anita Rank (6-0 senior) at forwards, Dawn Kliche (6-0 senior) at center, and Wilson (5-9 junior) and Lisa Kolwitz (5-5 junior) at guards.

Rank leads the team in scoring (22.2 average) and rebounding (9.3 per game).

## Openings remain in tournament

Openings still remain in a three-on-three intramural basketball tournament sponsored by the Schick Razor Co.

The tournament will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium. Registration will begin at noon. There is no entry fee.

There are divisions for both men's and women's teams.

The winner of the Southern tournament will advance in a regional tournament in Kansas City. Persons interested may contact Darrin Fullerton or Carl Cromer at Ext. 390.



# Rookie coach guides 1978 Lions to 27-9 record



Junior guard Scott Schulte looks for an open teammate during the NAIA national tournament in Kansas City. The Lions reached the quarterfinals before dropping a 73-66 decision to Quincy (Ill.) College. Schulte, Shelly Brown, and Bill Brewster returned for their senior seasons at Southern, but the 1978-79 Lions finished with an 11-18 mark.

## The 1977-78 Lions

**Russell Bland** (6-foot-9, 220-pound senior center) Started 35 games, averaging 17.3 points and 8.3 rebounds. Was 1978 first-team NAIA All-American. Is fourth on Missouri Southern's all-time career scoring list (1,271 points in two seasons). **Current:** Rate clerk for Churchill Truck Lines in Chillicothe, Mo.

**Bill Brewster** (6-4, 200-lb. junior forward) Averaged 4.6 points in 32 games as Lions' "sixth man." Is fourth on Missouri Southern's all-time list of games played (103 in four seasons). **Current:** Account executive for Smith-Barney in Kansas City.

**Shelly Brown** (6-1, 165-lb. junior guard) Started all 36 games, averaging 11.3 points and 3.6 assists. Is 13th on Missouri Southern's all-time career scoring list (770 points in two seasons) and third in career assists (298). **Current:** Athletic director and staff sergeant at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas.

**John Cochran** (6-1, 165-lb. senior guard) Averaged 2.3 points in 19 games. **Current:** Property manager for Riley Enterprises in Moberly.

**Bob Corn** (6-2½, 185-lb. senior guard) Started 28 games, averaging 3.9 points and 3.7 assists. **Current:** Assistant basketball coach under Gene Bartow at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

**Maurice Dixon** (6-6½, 220-lb. senior forward-center) Started 14 games, averaging 13.6 points and 10.3 rebounds. Sidelined for six weeks in mid-season due to infectious hepatitis. **Current:** Was paroled in April 1987 after a 1981 conviction for selling LSD. Lives in Kansas City.

**Roland Martin** (6-6, 208-lb. senior forward) Started all 36 games, averaging 18.1 points and 7.0 rebounds. Is seventh on Missouri Southern's all-time career scoring list (980 points in two seasons). Was drafted in the 8th round by the Cleveland Cavaliers in the 1978 NBA draft. **Current:** Part owner of a liquor store in Chicago.

**Tom Maxwell** (6-8, 200-lb. senior forward) Averaged 2.2 points and 2.3 rebounds in 26 games. **Current:** Employed at Modine Manufacturing Co. in Joplin.

**Skip McGuire** (6-7, 195-lb. freshman forward) Averaged 2.7 points and 2.1 rebounds in 18 games. Transferred to State Fair Community College for 1978-79 season. Graduated from Northeast Missouri State University. **Current:** Member of the patrol division for the Columbia, Mo., police department.

**Scott Schulte** (6-2, 170-lb. junior guard) Started all 36 games, averaging 9.2 points and 3.7 assists. Is 18th on Missouri Southern's all-time career scoring list (591 points in two seasons) and fourth in career assists (274). **Current:** Plant controller at Atlas Powder Co. in Joplin.

**Jack Sportsman** (6-3½, 180-lb. junior forward) Averaged 1.8 points in 14 games. **Current:** Branch manager of Delight Wholesale (ice cream vending company) in Atlanta.

**Chuck Williams** (Head coach) Named Central States Intercollegiate Conference and NAIA District 16 coach-of-the-year. **Current:** In his 11th season at Missouri Southern. Has coaching record of 177-149.

**Ron Ellis** (Assistant coach) **Current:** Resigned from Missouri Southern post in June 1987. Is self-employed as a real estate agent.

**L**oaded with 10 juniors and seniors, but led by a 27-year-old rookie coach, Missouri Southern's 1977-78 basketball team was an untested element entering the season.

But by season's end, the Lions had compiled a 27-9 record in winning both the Central States Intercollegiate Conference and NAIA District 16 titles. Southern also tied for fifth in the national tournament.

In Chuck Williams, the Lions had the youngest college head basketball coach in the state of Missouri. As a graduate assistant under Bobby Knight at the University of Indiana, Williams had learned a stiff man-to-man defense that quickly became the Lions' trademark.

"He was styled after Bobby Knight," said Skip McGuire, the only freshman on that squad. "We played hard-nosed pressure defense all over the court."

"Williams worked our tails off," said reserve guard John Cochran. "He demanded success. Our work ethics were good because he practiced us so hard."

While Williams stressed defense in practices, many players said the Lions benefited most from "good teamwork."

"Players knew what their purpose was," said starting guard Scott Schulte. "Take Bobby Corn. He knew he wasn't going to go out and score 20 points a night. He was a role player."

"Each person knew what they were to do. And they had respect for one another."

"That's what made the team," said guard Shelly Brown. "Any night, Roland (Martin) could come out and score 30. (Russell) Bland could get 30. Maurice (Dixon) could get 30. Scotty and I, we had to pass them the ball. You can't really say one player was the best."

After four straight wins at the start of the season, the Lions challenged the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Although Southern dropped a 61-54 decision, the game proved important for a couple of reasons.

"Maurice Dixon got really fired up for the Nebraska game (scoring 24 points and grabbing 15 rebounds)," said Schulte. "We learned a lot about ourselves in that game. We learned we could play with the really good teams."

After an 88-85 overtime loss at home to Drury College in December, the Lions took a 6-3 record into the Quincy (Ill.) Tournament at semester break.

"One of the big points in the season was the Quincy Tournament," said forward Bob Corn. "We went up there and got beat a couple of times, but we came back and played real well when we could have rolled over and died."

The Lions, then 7-5, received a blow in early January when Dixon, their 8-foot-8 power forward, was sidelined for six weeks with infectious hepatitis. In his absence, Corn became a starter.

"I tried to be a team player," said Corn. "I concentrated on getting the ball in to Bland where he could score."

"I would say he (Corn) was our hardest worker," said Bland. "Compared to other players, he didn't have all that much talent. He just worked hard."

"When Maurice got sick, I became the sixth man," said forward Bill Brewster. "I

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would play the small forward or help at a guard position."

A six-game Southern winning streak ended on Jan. 25 with a 95-76 loss to Drury College in Springfield. The Panthers were the top-ranked team in District 16.

The Lions turned their attention to the CSIC and won a pair of key road games at Washburn University and Emporia State. Southern continued its roll past league foes until losing 79-59 at Missouri Western on Feb. 18. With the Lions holding an 11-1 CSIC record, road tests at Fort Hays State and Kearney State would determine the conference champion.

Southern responded with an 88-87 victory at Hays and an 81-79 win at Kearney to clinch the CSIC title with a 13-1 mark. Williams was honored as the conference coach-of-the-year.



Four of Missouri Southern's seniors in 1977-78 were, from left: Maurice Dixon, Russell Bland, Tom Maxwell, and Roland Martin. Two other seniors are not pictured.

"I think we just had a lot of heart," said Bland. "Early in the year, we had guys that had never played together. After a certain point, we just began to jell."

According to McGuire, it was at that point that Southern was playing its best. "Williams had developed us to peak," he said. "Everybody was doing everything right."

Seeded second in the district playoffs with a 22-8 mark, the Lions entertained Avila College. Southern crushed the Avila 88-57, earning the right to host the University of Missouri-Kansas City in the district semifinals. An 88-80 victory catapulted the Lions into a District 16 title game at Drury.

"We had lost the first two games against Drury," Schulte said. "We should have won the game against Drury at home. When we went to districts, we knew we could

beat them, and I think they knew it."

Trailing by nine points with 7:50 to play, the Lions roared back for a 92-85 win over Drury—ranked number one in the NAIA. The win provided Southern with a berth in the national tournament.

"The highlight for all of us was going to the national tournament in Kansas City," said reserve forward Jack Sportsman. "Coming and playing in the national tournament was my biggest thrill," said Brewster. "Getting to play in front of the Kansas City fans was a real highlight because I am from that area."

Southern, 25-8, was seeded 13th in the 32-team field. The Lions opened with a 78-59 victory over Mississippi Valley. Southern reached the quarterfinals with a 69-56 win against Ouachita Baptist, forcing a re-match with Quincy College.

Quincy, seeded fifth, had dumped the Lions 81-64 in the December Quincy Tournament. The Lions' revenge was spoiled, however, when Quincy downed Southern a second time, 73-66.



(Left) Senior forward-center Maurice Dixon dribbles around Nebraska defender Andre Smith for a lay-up in Southern's 61-59 loss in the Cornhuskers. (Above) Senior forward Roland Martin maneuvers against James Bone of Drury College in an 86-85 loss to the Panthers in December 1977.

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